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**REMARKS**

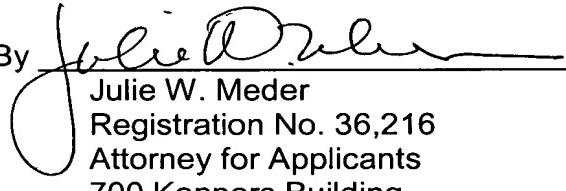
As noted in the Amendment of March 22, 2006, the Nishida reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,680,040) discloses subject matter that was derived from at least one Applicant of the present invention. Accompanying this Supplemental Response is a Declaration by one of the present inventors, Hiroyasu Nishida, indicating that Mr. Nishida is both an inventor of the subject matter of the present application and that the Nishida patent discloses subject matter that he invented. He also states that the inventorship of the present application is correct.

This submission reiterates the relationship between the Nishida patent and the present application relating to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(f) detailed on page 6 of the March 22, 2006 Amendment.

Allowance of claims 1, 5 and 6 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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